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1. HERewith FULL TEXT NEW YORK TIMES PAGE 3 ROBERT B. SEMPLE JR. BYLINER FRIDAY, APRIL 30 HEADED "BRITISH ELATED WITH NEW POLICY, BUT SEE SMITH STALLING."
2. LONDON, APRIL 29 -- THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS CARED MORE OPENLY AND WORRIED MORE DEEPLY ABOUT AFRICA THAN ANY OTHER WESTERN POWER, IS DELIGHTED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER'S NEW AFRICA POLICY AND PROFOUNDLY DISAPPOINTED BY THE LATEST EFFORT OF PRIME MINISTER IAN D. SMITH TO GIVE RHODESIAN BLACKS SOME SEMBLANCE OF POWER.
3. MR. KISSINGER, IT IS SAID HERE, HAS BELATEDLY RECOGNIZED THE DRIFT OF HISTORY AND IS WISELY SEEKING TO GO ALONG WITH IT. MR. SMITH CONTINUES SUICIDALLY TO SWIM AGAINST THE TIDE.
4. THE BRITISH, NOTABLY JAMES CALLAGHAN, FIRST AS FOREIGN UNCLASSIFIED

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SECRETARY AND NOW AS PRIME MINISTER, HAVE BEEN WARNING

WASHINGTON FOR MONTHS THAT BLACK NATIONALISM IS A FORCE THAT CANNOT BE RESISTED.

5. THEY ALSO ARGUE THAT SUCH NATIONALIST IMPULSES MAY BECOME VIOLENT AND REVOLUTIONARY, RATHER THAN PEACEFUL AND EVOLUTIONARY, UNLESS THE WEST TAKES TWO MAJOR STEPS: RECOGNIZING AND ENDORSING THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE BLACKS AND ELIMINATING THE WHITE-DOMINATED SMITH GOVERNMENT, WHOSE VERY PRESENCE IN RHODESIA IS INFLAMMATORY TO BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS.

6. BRITISH OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE NEW FOREIGN SECRETARY, ANTHONY CROSLAND, IMPRESSED THESE POINTS ON MR. KISSINGER WHEN HE PASSED THROUGH BRITAIN LAST WEEKEND ON HIS WAY TO AFRICA. AFTER THE SECRETARY OF STATE MADE HIS SPEECH IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA, IN WHICH HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH BLACK HOPES AND WITH ALIGNING THE UNITED STATES AGAINST RHODESIA, THE BRITISH REACTED AS IF THEY HAD WRITTEN THE SPEECH THEMSELVES.

7. MR. CROSLAND TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT RHODESIA MUST NOW REALIZE THAT IT IS DEALING "NOT JUST WITH BRITAIN BUT THE WHOLE WORLD COMMUNITY." IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHETHER WESTERN SUPPORT OF BLACK NATIONALISM WOULD NOT SPEED THE GROWTH OF "SOVIET IMPERIALISM" IN AFRICA, MR. CROSLAND SAID:

8. "I WOULD SUGGEST THAT IF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT AND DR. KISSINGER HAD NOT TAKEN THE LINE WE HAVE TAKEN, WE WOULD HAVE UNDERMINED EVERY MODERATE BLACK LEADER IN THE ENTIRE CONTINENT OF AFRICA."

9. BUT BRITISH PLEASURE AT HAVING PLAYED A ROLE IN GLOBAL POLICY, A RARE ENOUGH EVENT NOWADAYS, WAS EXCEEDED BY AN EVEN STRONGER EMOTION; RELIEF THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD AT LAST DEVELOPED AN AFRICAN POLICY AND THAT IT DOVETAILED NEATLY WITH THE IDEAS LONG ESPOUSED BY BRITAIN AND MORE RECENTLY BY BRITAIN'S NEIGHBORS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET.

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10. "AS LONG AS KISSINGER SEEMED PREOCCUPIED WITH THE CUBANS IN ANGOLA AND SOVIET INFLUENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE WHITE REGIMES COULD ALWAYS HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES, FOR STRATEGIC REASONS, WOULD BAIL THEM OUT," AN OFFICIAL SAID TODAY.

11. "KISSINGER HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT WIN THE INFLUENCE GAME IN AFRICA BY APPEARING TO BE

ON THE SIDE OF COLONIALISM; THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TURN-

AROUND IS THAT THE WEST IS NOW UNITED ON THAT POINT."

12. JUDGING BY MR. SMITH'S ACTIONS, HOWEVER, BRITISH OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT RHODESIA'S GOVERNMENT HAS YET TO RECEIVE THE MESSAGE. THE SMITH DECISION TO GIVE 10 BLACKS CABINET AND SUB-CABINET POSITIONS IS REGARDED HERE AS WINDOW DRESSING. THREE OF THEM ARE ALREADY MEMBERS OF THE RHODESIAN PARLIAMENT AND THEIR POWER IS NOT LIKELY TO INCREASE APPRECIABLY.

13. THE FOUR CHIEFS BEING GIVEN MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE LITTLE CREDIBILITY OUTSIDE THEIR TRIBAL REGIONS. IN ANY EVENT, THEY WILL FIND THEMSELVES PLACED IN AN INVIDIOUS POSITION. THE MORE THE GOVERNMENT INCREASES THEIR PAY AND PRESTIGE, THE LESS LIKELY THEIR INFLUENCE AMONG NATIONALISTS.

14. "THIS IS NOT AT ALL WHAT WE WANTED," SAID AN OFFICIAL TODAY. WHAT BRITAIN WANTS IS THE CONCESSION DEMANDED BY MR. CALLAGHAN IN HIS SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT MARCH 22, A FIRM PLEDGE FROM MR. SMITH TO ACCEPT MAJORITY RULE BY THE COUNTRY'S SIX MILLION BLACKS AND ELECTIONS WITHIN TWO YEARS.

15. ONLY AFTER THAT COMMITMENT WOULD BRITAIN AND, PRESUMABLY, THE UNITED STATES, OFFER HELP IN DEVISING A NEW CONSTITUTION, SETTING UP A FUNCTIONING GOVERNMENT AND INSURING THE SAFETY AND LIVELIHOOD OF RHODESIA'S 270,000 WHITES.

16. FOR THE BRITISH, A QUESTION MARK HANGS OVER THE KISSINGER SPEECH. HAS HE SPOKEN OUT IN TIME, AND DO THE AFRICANS BELIEVE THAT HE MEANS WHAT HE SAYS?
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17. PRESIDENT KENNETH D. KAUNDA, FOR ONE, WAS VISIBLY MOVED BY THE SPEECH AND, ACCORDING TO SOURCES HERE, WOKE UP THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT TO TELL HIM THE SPEECH EXCEEDED HIS WILDEST EXPECTATIONS.

18. OTHER REACTIONS, NOTED HERE AND IN THE ZAMBIAN AND TANZANIAN PRESS, HAVE ALSO BEEN FAVORABLE. END TEXT'
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